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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 19, 1999

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 28, 30, 32 - 36 + 38 - 40 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 28, 30, 32 - 36 + 38 - 40 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

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Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 13, 16, 19, 20, 28, 30, 33-36, 38, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Eggers et al ('443).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 17, 32, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egger et al ('443) in combination with Inman. Eggers et al ('443) teaches a device as claimed except for the helical electrode or a strip electrode. Inman teaches a metal strip electrode. It would have been obvious to the artisan of ordinary skill to employ ~~mono~~ ^{band} electrodes or helical electrodes, and to employ the device in mono- and ~~bipolar~~ modes, since these are ^{not} critical and provides no unexpected result, thus producing a device such as claimed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David Shay at telephone number (703) 308-2215.

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